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POVERTY HIS CRIME

A Tale of Suffering and Wrong Which Should Shame Two States.

MARTYRDOM OF A WORKINGMAN

Jailed for Being Hungry; Kidnapped With-

A CHECK TO PAY THE BLOOD-MONEY.

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The Pathetic Story of James Sillars, His

alled for Being Hungry; Kidnapped Without a Shadow of Right.

It was a week after this that he escaped from prison, and after a terrible Journey of six days, most of which time he was afraid to apply for free he came back to his which time he was afraid to apply for free he came back to his who and from exposure and fatigue, his clothness of the came back to his prison again, only to be taken back to nis pris story of James Sillars aroused surprise and indignation. One New Yorker's indignation quickly materialized into a check for \$30 to pay Connecticut the fine imposed on a poor but honest man for requesting a cup of coffee. The brave young wife works twelve hours a day at \$4 a week, hoping to save enough to release her husband. Connecticut's Governor regrets that Siliars was so unfortunate, but cannot give any relief. New Jersey's Governor avers that any other resident of his State may be kidnapped in the same way, but he will probably demand the release of Sillars.

A weary young man dragged himself with apparent effort through the streets of Harrison. N. J., at dusk last Friday. His clothes were in tatters, and from the crown of his ragged old hat to the soles of his broken shoes he looked cowed and tried to avoid observation. When he reached No. 311 Third street he slipped in by a side entrance. The next night the same man was dragged through the streets of the town between two policemen, locked up in a cell at the station and on Monday given over to a Connecticut officer.

The man was James Sillars, the outline of whose story was given in yesterday's World. His crime was that while seeking work in Con-Mout, and being without a penny to buy food. he had knocked at a door and asked for a cup of ' crime " he was jailed. Escaping and toiling homeward to Jersey he was pursued and carried back.

Agnes Guthrie and James Sillars were raised within a stone's throw of each other in Glasgow Scotland. They went to the same school and when they grew old enough worked in the same factory. From their earliest childhood they appeared to take it for granted that they would get married. Four years ago Agnes came to America, where she heard it was an easy thing to make a living. A few months afterwards James followed her. They both had friends in Newark and they succeeded in getting work in the factories. Two years ago last June the courtahip culminated in a quiet little wedding. and James fondly asserted that his wife should

A PLEASANT LITTLE HOME.

They moved into three little rooms at No. 311 Third street, Harrison. It was not within two miles of James's work, but his salary was only \$9 a week, and the young couple had to economize, so he did not mind the walk. They must have lived very happily together in the months that followed, for all the neighbors who were asked about them yesterday dwelt on the fact that the young couple were always together when he was not at work; that Agnes used to walk half way up the long, steep road that led to the factory to meet her husband, and that they made no acquaintances. A year ago a little boy was born, and James and Agnes appeared to be happier than ever. The young man was wrapped up in the child, and when he came home of even ings would never let the little one out of his

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In December 1887 James went to work to the Arlington Manufacturing Company, at Arlington, N. J., which is only a few miles from Harrison. On Jan. 3 of this year he received notice that they would need him no longer, and praised his honesty and efficiency during the time he had been employed by them. This letter, instead of being dated 1889, by an unfor tunate cierical error was dated 1888, a circum stance which afterwards caused poor Sillars a world of trouble.

During the month that followed his discharge he tried to find work everywhere and failed. Things grew gloomy for the little family. Mrs. Sillars, who is of that patient, gentle type of woman who can endure any kind of torture without flinching, did all she could to cheer him up, but he soon saw that he must seek work elsewhere or they would both starve. A friend in an evil moment told him to go to Connecticut and that he would find plenty of work there. He started Feb. 21.

HOPE AND COURAGE.

He had a little money and gave it to his wife. She refused to take it, and before he left he handed it to a neighbor to give her when he had gone. Then he set out for Connecticut with 45 cents in his pocket. He had made up his mind to walk all the way and thought that the 45 cents would buy him bread. He could sleep in the haystacks and barns. He had no idea how far Connecticut was, but set out on his long journey with the simple faith that it would be all right in the end.

A kind-hearted grocer, P. J. O'Donough, who keeps a store across the street from where the coupls lived, and who had been giving them groceries on credit since Sillars got out of work, said he would see that the wife and child did not suffer.

suffer.
Mrs. Sillars got a letter from her husband Feb. 28, asying in a few words that he had been arrested and was in jail at Brooklyn. Coun. Frightened almost out of her wits the young wife wrote for further particulars. The letter she received explained everything. It is eloquent and pathetic in its simple illiteracy.

ADRESS LETTER TO HIS WIFE.

ADRESS 311 TRIBD ST EAST NEWARK N J.

DEAR ASWES, I received your letter, you want to
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the Boston bole to Be if i.od get Working my Fas,
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hope you will Do tha Sam. I have lettle mor to Sa
hoping you an little Angus is ceping Well, Remain
you husband

Ja Sillars.

HOME AGAIN.

A GENEROUS NEW YORKER. "I don't know where I am going to get the money for James," she said, "but God is good," Mrs. Stevens said, after Mrs. Sillars had left, that the rent was due for the three rooms and there was no money to pay it. Mrs. Sillars and the baby were going to remain with her. Yesterday afternoon the following letter was received by The Wonld:

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In the Editor of The World:
Your Leadins in this morning's issue, "Treated Just Like a Thief," stirs my American blood, and right here I want to offer the poor fellow through you the amount of costs to enable him to be with his samily as soon as possible. As you say, it is an outrasse that has no equal in this nation. I sincerely trust you will follow the matter right up until lustice is done, and peg away at the injustice done in Connecticut until the odious plans now in operation there are forever removed.

I inclose you certified check (\$30). Kindly see that it helps Mrs. S. qui kly, for her suspense and suffering must be intense. That your good works may continue in helping the oppressed is the desire of yours, faithfully.

All Broadway, March 20.

Mrs. Sillars was hard at work in the factory

411 Broadway, March 26.

Mrs. Sillars was hard at work in the factory when the check was brought to her. She came down into the superintendent's office, her face and shoulders covered with dust. When she was given the check her hands trembled so she could not hold it. Her eyes filled with tears and she said, brokenly. "I canna thank ye enough." And then she said she would send the check at once to her husband.

SILLARS'S EXCELLENT CHARACTER.

At the Arlington Manufacturing Company everybody spoke in the highest terms of Sillars. Supt. F. C. Colourn said his conduct had been excellent and that he was a model workman. Bookkeeper J. J. Ostrum said Sillars hat only lost one day during the year he worked for the Company.

It was the letter written by Mr. Ostrum which caused Sillars so much trouble. When the Connecticut authorities asked him where he had been working last year he told them at the Arlington Works, and aboved them his letter. They saw the date, "1888," and accused him of lying to them. The letter was for the previous year, they said.

"I will do all I can to repair the wrong," said Mr. Ostern and hast over sent of the follow. I will do all I can to repair the wrong," said Ostrom, and he at once sent off the follow

ing letter:

Warden B. P. Shley, Windham Cousty, Conn.

DEAR Sir: By to-day's World I see an account of
the detention of one James Sillars, a former employee of this company. Permit me to state that
James Sillars, during his occupancy of the position
he held here, performed his dutter staitfully, and
was only isid off on account of our having no further
use for a man in the position he held. From our observation here he was a sober, steady and reliable
man. Yours truly,
ARLINGTON MANUFACTURING COMPANY.

Windham County Surprised. [SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.]

DANIELSONVILLE, Conn., March 26, -Although it is too late to-night to send more than the briefest despatch THE WORLD correspondent has seen Sillars, the Warden, several clergymen and others who are surprised at attention this poor man's sufferings have awakened. I am satisfied that the man merits the amplest sympathy and pity. With better telegrap; 4: facilities to-mo; row from this remote region THE WORLD will be informed about Connecticut's Tramp law and its operation in the case of Sillars.

Telegraphic Ticks.

Prancov, Mass., March 26.—Mrs. Bridget Hauri-fran, a native of Ireland, died Sunday, aged one hundred and three years and three months. NASHVILLE, Tenn., March 26.—The Governor to-day signed the bill making women eligible to the of-fice of County Superinsendent of Education. Gosnex, Ind., March 36.—A Lake Shore and Mich-izan Southern train struck a carriage to-day near Elkhart in which were Robert McCaffney and Della Love, killing them both.

Love, hilling them both.

Raleion, N. C., March 26.—Lee Lyons, a colored ex-convict, was driven to bay at Franklinton to-day, and, as he refused to surrender, the Sheriff and his deputies fired six bullets into him, ending his life.

PHILADELPHIA, March 26.—The gunboat Yorktown has been delivered to the naval authorities at League Island. It is expected that Secretary Tracy will formally accept the Yorktown for the Government to-day.

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PHEVILLE, Ry., March 26.—Jeff King, one of the Onliaw leaders, was captured on Pine Mountain this afterboon. The warring factions have now been deprived of their leaders by leath or capture, and no further trouble is apprehended.

Stoux Citx, Is., March 26.—Harvey Johnson, a thirteen-year-old boy, and a playmate found a small kee of powder in a barn. The Johnson boy dropped as lighted cigarette into the keg. The explosion burned both boys fatally.

BENTON CITY, Mo., March 26.—Annabel Lee Mullings, a six-year-old girl, last evening was watching her father burn brush, when her folbing ignited. Her father burn brush, when her folbing ignited. Her father beack was turned, and as he is almost totally deaf he did not know of the accident until the child was nearly dead.

BPRINGPIELD. Masse. March 26.—While playing

totally deaf he did not know of the accident until the child was nearly dead.

Springfill, Mass., March 26.—While playing on the fire at Houghton & Frazie's furniture house this afternoon Henry Boss, a fireman, was overcome by smoke and caught in the act of failing from the ladder. The hose, in failing, severely injured Assistant Engineer Joseph Stevens.

Makeris Tenn. March 26.—On the 17th of this month J. T. Bastings, claiming to be a travelling salesman of New hork, passed a forged check for \$50 on the Feabody Hotel. The check was signed by A. Hall & Non. and was on the morters and Traders' Bank of New York. It was returned to-day Hastings is about fifty years old, has a gray mustache, pleasing manners and a soft voice.

Bell's Big Surplus. Boston, March 26.—The annual meeting of the Bell Telephone Company was held here today. The reports, among other things, showed that there are 17,384 miles of underground wire, an increase of 9,000 miles. Of this increase, New York had 4,083 miles. The surplus remains the same as last year, \$2,028,635. The only change in the officers was made by the election to the Board of Stanton Blake in place of Channing Clapp.

THEY PLAY THEIR LAST GAME TO-DAY ON Now Generally Believed that She Foun-THE LANDSDOWNE GROUNDS.

Greatly Impressed with the Beautiful Aspect of the Country Between Belfast and Dublin-The Scenes Have Rendered Them Stronger Home-Rulers than Ever Received at the Mansion House.

DUBLIN, March 26.-The teams arrived at

Dublin at 11 this morning, after a four hours' delightful ride from Belfast. The air was bright and crisp, and the pretty, rolling landscape could not be seen under more favorable conditions. The beautiful and fertile country was just blossoming under the first touch of Spring, and it is hard to believe that such a fair land is subjected to so much oppression and suffering. The effect was to make the travellers stronger Home-Rulers than ever. What seemed to impress the ball-players, who are accustomed to great farms in their own country, was the small pieces of land inclosed by thorn hedges, that cut up hillsides and valleys like so many irregular patches of a crazy quilt. It gave them an idea of how the poor farmers are compelled to drudge in order to eke out their existence with such a small acreage. On arriving at Dublin the teams were met by United States Consul McGaskill, by Fred Gallaher, the editor of Sport, and a number of Irish citizens and cricketers. The teams were taken to Morrison's Hotel. Burns, Fogarty, l'ener and others felt happy when they learned the well-known connection of the Home Rule

tion from Chatham jail. To-day being an off day a number of players made trips with a view of looking up friends and relatives. Tener visited the place where he was born at Donaghmore. County Tyrone. Daly went to Kildare and Manning to Donegal.

party with the house in which Mr. Parnell was

arrested under the Coercion act in 1883, and where the Fenian Sergeant, Charles McCarthy,

dropped dead from heart disease after his libera-

In the afternoon the teams were tendered a reception at the Mansion House, the official residence of the Lord Mayor, Mr. Thomas Sexton, M. P. In his absence in London the party were received by his private secretary, Mr. John B. Hall, and were conducted through the building and shown the famous pictures in the great banquetinghall by the manager of the household, Patrick White, a rosy-cheeked old man of sixty. The latter, it may be added, was the famous midnight interviewer of Chief Secretary Balfour when Mr. Sexton demanded that Mr. O'Brien's clothes be returned to him in Kilmainham Jail, The old man has been in the Mayor's household since Dan O'Connell's time and is said to be the best judge of Irish whiskey in the country.

The players spent the balance of the day sight seeing. Healy is the proudest man of the party ecause he saw his name dozens of times or signs. When he found the tavern, "The Hisoric," owned by John Healy, he said that he had never been tempted so strongly to get full. In the evening the teams attended the Gaiety Theatre, and saw the comedy of "The Arabian Nights." A large and fashionable audience was

Spalding received a despatch from Williamson o-night saying that he is unable to leave with the party as his injury will detain him in London for about a week more. The last game of the tour will take place to-morrow on the Landsdowne grounds.

Murdered at Monte Carlo. CANNES, March 26 .- M. Geisendorf, the son of the Swiss Consul here, has been found murdered near the railroad track at Monte Carlo. His valise, which was lying nearby, had been rifled. He had recently won large sums of noney at the gambling-tables at Monte Carlo.

HE RAISED THE GOVERNMENT FUNDS.

Death of Charles F. Livermore, Henry Clews's First Partner.

Charles F. Livermore, for half a century prominent in business and social life in this ity, died Monday night at his residence, No. 145 Madison avenue, from a complication of diseases. He had not been engaged in active business for about fifteen years past, but renained identified with a number of commercial enterprises up to the time of his death, which enterprises up to the time of his death, which succeeded an illness of only two weeks duration. Born in Spencer, Mass., in 1825, he came to New York sixteen years later with an excellent commercial education, and before he had attained his majority launched out as a dry-goods commission merchant. As a young man he made manifest a marked financial ability, and he soon exchanged the dry-goods for the banking business. In this he quickly amassed a competency, and the beginning of the civil war found him one of the foremost bankers of New York. In 1861 he took Henry Clews as a junior partner, under the firm name of Livermore, Clews & Co. The United States Government made this firm its agent for the disposal of the famous '7 3-10 'notes issued to raise money to carry on the civil war.

About 1874 Mr. Livermore retired from his banking business on account of delicate health, Since that time he has travelled extensively and given himself up to social enjoyment. He was the founder of the Mount Morris Bank, in which institution, together with the Manhattan Trust Company, he was a director until the time of his death. He was also a member of the Union League Club. He leaves a wife and three children—two sons and one daughter—the eldest only thirteen years of age. His funeral will be held from the family residence to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock. noceeded an illness of only two weeks' duration.

Death of Cornellus Mathews. Cornelius Mathews, well known to all old New Yorkers and literary men, died at his home n this city yesterday, in the seventy-fifth year of his age. Mr. Mathews was the founder of the of his age. Mr. mannews was the founder of the first comic weekly paper issued in this city. He was the first graduate of the New York University, and was the first President of the Alumni of the University. He was a newspaper man of no mean repute, and had often been credited with being the father of American drama, from the fact that he began writing plays over a half century ago.

Mathews was born in Westchester County, mr. Mathews was born in Westchester County, not far from the shores of Rye Lake, which belonged to his paternal grandfather's estate. He was a bachelor, and his only surviving relatives are Daniel A. Mathews, of this city, and the latter's only child. Fannie Aymar Mathews.

The funeral services will be held at St. Ann's Church, Eighteenth street and Fifth avenue, this morning at 11 o'clock.

Mrs. F. H. Benedict Dies at Sea.

[SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.] CHARLESTON, S. C., March 26.—The steamyacht Oncida, Capt. Lawberg, from New York. arrived in port this morning, having aboard F. H. Benedict, of New York, and the body of his wife, the daughter of H. M. Flagler, of the Standard Oil Company, and owner of the Ponce De Leon Hotel. St. Augustine. Mrs. Benedict was en route South for the benefit of her health. She died when the yacht was twenty-four hours out from Fortress Monroe. The body will be sent North. Mr. Flagler was in the city awaiting his daughter's arrival, and much sympathy is expressed for the bereaved father and husband.

Mrs. Benedict was suffering from puerperal fever when taken aboard the yacht. Her husband is a stock broker and a son of Banker Elias C. Benedict, No. 29 Broad street. F. H. Benedict, of New York, and the body of

THE BALL TEAMS IN DUBLIN. IT WAS THE SHIP CONSERVA.

dered off Virginia.

HER LIFEBOAT WAS PICKED UP.

On the Bose Was the Name of the Ill-Fated Vessel-The Wreckage Could Not Have Belonged to the Nanticoke_Mr. Kunhardt Still Sanguine Story of an Otler Whe Left the Conserva at Sandy Hook.

There is little doubt now that the Conserva is the ill-fated ship which strewed the Virginia coast last week with the wreckage of her timbers. The despatch from Boston Monday, which said that the Gate City had sighted a boat with the letters "Con" upon it, was fortified yesterday by another from Philadelphia. The pilot-boat Edmund, the latter stated, had passed, about sixteen miles from land, a clinker-built whaleboat, bottom upward, in good condition, upon the port bow of which was painted the name Conserva. Four oars were lashed to her, and at each end were fastened new painter and line, both of which were bro ken. The boat was landed at Cape May.

ing about N. W. by W., passed off Fenwick's Island Lightship the half of a ship's whaleboat, clinker built, which looked as if it had been run into and split. It had a new painter attached to it, also a log line and reel, which were taken out by the pilots.

Henry R. Kunhardt, who fitted out the Conerva for her cruise south, when shown these serva for her cruise south, when shown these telegrams yesterday still smiled sanguinely. "The mere fact," he said, "that one of our boats is afloat does not convince me that the Conserva has foundered. Bhe no doubt ran into a heavy gale and the boat was washed away. The theory of an explosion is nonsense. No dynamite bombs were smuggled into the hold, neither did she carry any powder or firearms. She was perfectly seaworthy, and if she has met with any accident I can only account for it by a collision."

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In opposition to Mr. Kunhardt's statement that the Conserva was in fine condition when she left this city, an oiler, who was engaged for the trip, swears that such was not the case. He was promised, he says, \$50 for the run to San Downings.

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On Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock the vessel left the Atlantic Basin in tow of the Dalzell and was pulled down to Lower Quarantine, when he found that her boilers were leaking and in bad condition. "I told Tinkham, the chief engineer," he said, yesterday, "that the boat was not fit to put out to sea, and insisted on heing put ashore. I got on the tug and during the night a heavy storm blew up. It was too rough for the tug to venture out to sea, and it was in that storm that the Conserva started. Even before she left smooth water her hull had begun to leak about the bilge and the donkey pump, with forty pounds of steam on, was at work."

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The Yedmandale, concerning which much anxiety has been felt for the past two days, was towed into Newport News Monday in a disabled condition by the ocean steaming Effective. The Nanticoke passed out of Fortress Monroe on March 22 and could not have been wrecked off Cape Charles during that day or night. This, of course, destroys the theory that the upturned launch may have been the Nanticoke's, and strengthens the conclusion that the Conserva has foundered.

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The Conserva had twenty-seven souls on board. Her crew was composed entirely of southern half-breeds and Malays. The fireman was a West Indian coolie, and he, as well as all his fellow-seamen, was bronzed and had dark hair. The two bodies picked up by the Colorado and the dead man sighted by the Vasco da Gama all answer this description. Capt John Henry Atkers, who has had a long and somewhat checkered career in West Indian waters, commanded the ship. The other officers were:

First mate, Joseph Sherwood; second mate, John MacCarthy; chief engineer, Charles St. Clair; second assistant engineer, Charles V. Elder. Carl Kunhardt, of New York, was also on board. Besides being an expert yachtsman he is the author of many works on that sport, among them the well-known brodure called. "American Yachts and Yachts

Obituary Notes.

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Mrs. Bridget Haurihan, a native of Ireland, died at Peabody, Mass., March 25, aged one hundred and three years.

Robert Richardson, an English sculptor whom Ezra Cornell brought to this country twenty years ago, is dead, aged forty-five years.

Ex. Congressman John R. Neal, of the Chattanoogs (Tenn.) district, died yesterday. Col. Neal had been indisposed for the last few months of the session in Washington and left before its close, hoping to recover his health. He was a self-made man. He has represented his district in the last two Congresses. H. Clay Evans, Republican, succeeds him in the Fifty-first Congress.

Charles B. Cutler, of Warren, R. L. died yesterday.

11.30 O'CLOCK

JOHN BRIGHT DEAD.

The Old English Orator Breathed His Last This Morning.

A second despatch from Philadelphia said that on March 23 the pilot-boat Bayard, while bear news of His Death, Though Long Expected, Shocked All England.

> An Exciting Canvass in Birmingham Will Follow This Event.

The District Left Vacant Has Never Been Polled for Home Rules

[SPECIAL CABLE TO THE EVENING WORLD.]

London, March 27. - John Bright died at 8.30 'clock this morning.

Notwithstanding his long illness and the contant expectation of news of his death, the announcement, now that it has come, has shocked

Bulletins telling of the old man's dying condi-

The death of Mr. Bright leaves a vacancy in the central division of Birmingham, the filling of which will cause a most interesting contest. The district has never been polled on the Home

Mr. Bright's end was peaceful and painless. He had lain in a comatose condition since yes-

All of his family were present at his death bed,

THE GREAT MAN'S CAREER.

This illustrious English statesman was born at This illustrious English statesman was born at corresponding over the last few months of the session in cover his laste. He was a self-nade man, in a his properties that described the description of the last few months of the session in cover his laste. He was a self-nade man, in a his properties that described his describ Greenbank, near Rochdale, Nov. 16, 1811, a nember of a family of Friends. His first ntroduction to public affairs was in the reform



BRIGHT

When the Quakers, in 1854, believed that England's differences with Bussis could be settled by negotiations and without appeal to arms, Mr. Bright was one of those at a meeting at which it was resolved to send the celebrated deputation to the Emperor Nicholas to try and win him to a peace policy. How kindly the deputation was received and how absolutely the advice was thrown away is now a matter of history. War was declared against Russia in March, 1854, and peace was not proclaimed until April, 1856. Early in the war Mr. Bright was checked in his public career by serious ilmess—a nervous prostration approaching paralysis—from which he had never wholly recovered. His profusion of hair, which up to this had been raven black, became suddenly white as snow. For a considerable period he took no active part in National affairs. In 1857 Lord Palmerston was defeated on the Canton question and Parliament was dissolved. Mr. Bright was then in Italy and had not taken any personal part in the affair, though he approved of Mr. Coblec's vote of censure. But the popularity of Palmerston was then at its height and Mr. Bright was rejected by Manchester by a large majority. A few months later, however, he found himself M. P. for Birmingham, a position which he held uninterruptedly for the past twenty-five years. As member for Birmingham he took a strong part in measures for the extension of the suffrage. But what has specially endeared his name to this country is that not less in the darkest hour than in that of its triumph was he the bold and active advocate of the cause of the Union. In 1866 he visited Dublin, where he was entertained at a banquet amid considerable demonstrations. But his strong, stern Puritan nature was not fitted to catch the Celtic sympathies. There was little enthusiasm. In both of Mr. Gladstone's Cabinets he had a seat, with the same office—Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster. The office, the salary of which is \$10,000 a year, is almost a sinecure, still it has been held by Lord Holland, Lord Campbell a posed. In a letter from Hawarden he scot up these charges, and gives them a denial which only the recollection of old friendship prevented from being indignant. POSTMASTER PEARSON TALKS BACK.

He Says the Charges Against Him Come from Discharged Employees.

Postmaster Pearson yesterday issued a fourcolumn reply to the charges made against him by the employees of the New York Post-Office of unjust and tyrannical treatment. To "each and all " of the charges he enters "an emphatic denial." Mr. Pearson says that the force in the Post-Office when he assumed charge in 1881 was 1,276, which has increased to 2,276. He

says also:

In order to secure efficient and satisfactory service from so large a force, the maintenance of discipling the exaction of strict obedience to orders, of punctual attendance, and of failthin performance of duty are not only necessary, but absolutely essential; nor ean any one suppose that these requirements could be fulfilled if the idle, the disobedient, the incompetent, the unfailthil, the intemperate, the dishonant and the victous should be allowed to remain in the service after their faults in those respects had demonstrated their unfitness for retention.

He claims that all removals have been made

He claims that all removals have been made for good cause, and that the charges are "ex parte statements of men who have been dis-

parte statements of men who have been dishonorably dismissed from a service they have
disgraced by their misconduct."

Air. Pearson devotes a third of his statement
to an attack on the Knights of Labor, to which
organization the letter-carriers became attached,
and gets in a shot at S. S. Cox, who has stood
by the Post-Office employees, as follows:

Perpetual candidates for Congress are not likely to
neslect the opportunity of securing and strengthening the liens they hold upon their districts by sading
such a useful "tail" to their following as the lettercarriers, whose utility as house-to-house canvassus;
and otherwise, is obvious to the very meanest partisan capacity; and from their point of view, so
decided an advantage was doubtless worth the most ex-

it is true, but in so determined and energetic a spirit that the London Times once asked: 'Is there absolutely no conceivable world in which Mr. Bright might have been a prize-fighter?' It suggests the decisive and undaunted character of the man. He was for a long time regarded by the majority of the House of Common as its greatest orator, even superior to Mr. Gladstone. But in this comparison it seems to be forgotten that Mr. Gladstoned elevered many orations in the might of the seems to be forgotten that Mr. Gladstoned elevered many orations in the selvany carried with him. Gifted as he was with great natural powers of thought and expression, he added much to his induence by his frequent appeals to men's consciences. With a courage as rare as it was creditable, he would not scruple to alinde to the claims of religion as well as to those of humanity, and he invoked the sanction of the Most High himself. Witness the cloquent peroration of his speech on the Irish Church question: 'I dare claim for this bill the support of all good and thoughtful people within the bounds of the British Empire, and I believe, and I cannot doubt that in its early and great results it will have the blessing of the Supreme, for I believe it to be founded on those principles of justice and mercy which are the glorious attributes of his eternal reign. It must have cost Mr. Bright's star seemed on the wane. The Government's policy in Egypt was the particular occasion of Mr. Bright's secession from Gladstone and herey which are the glorious attributed to Parliament fundably recording the particular occasion of Mr. Bright's secession from Gladstone and the political history of England. Even in his later years, under the growing infirmities of age, he erescated still the massive, well-set head, the lofty brow, the show-white surmount, the clear-bine, homest Saxon eye, and when he rose in the House. There came up a lion out of Judah!" was the exclamation, Mr. Escott, in one of those bright with the his subject of the clayer of the disaffect County Clerk Edward Reilly is not spared: County Clerk Edward Reilly is not spared:

Other local politicians—especially while candidates for State, municipal and county offices—constituted themselves the special champion of a for dismissal, and the special champion of the special champio

The Postmaster claims that these letter-carriers, by means of their "secret organiza-tion," have secured special legislation, although they require no "special skill and but little ex-perience" for which they are "adequately paid."

RICHLY CLAD SHOPLIFTERS.

The Wives of Two Respectable New Yorks ers Arrested for the Crime.

Two richly dressed women were arrested in ames McCreery's dry-goods store at Broadway and Eleventh street about 4.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon and taken to Police Headquarters by Detective Sergts. Hickey and Lauthier. They had been discovered by Supt. Crawford in They had been discovered by Supt. Crawford in the act of shoplifting, and when searched in the private office of the store a large quantity of expensive goods was found in their possession.

The articles included a lot of silk hose, satin ribbon, eight iadies silk undershirts, three pairs of bracelets and a gold lace pin, some of which were identified as having been stolen from the store of John Daniells, at Broadway and Eighth street. The detectives happened to come into the store just as the "shoplifters" were stopped, and when placed under arrest the women broke down and began crying hysterically.

On the way to headquarters they gave apparently fictitious names, one saying her husband lived in St. Louis, while the other claimed her husband was emoloyed in Cincinnati. Once before Inspector Byrnes, however, they for the first time seemed to realize the positions they had placed themselves in, and begged the Inspector in the most piteous tones to be released in order to saye their respective families from disgrace.

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One said her name was Molin Hardegg, aged thirty-seven years, living at No. 103 West fifty-first street, while the other woman, who looks to be about ten years older, although she gave her age as thirty-eight, gave her name as faste Mace, residing at No. 328 West Forty-eighth street. Inspector Byrnes said that it was a very said case, as both women were well connected socially. Mrs. Mace's husband, he said, was superintendent of one of the departments in the New York Post-Office, where he had been employed for the past twenty years, while Mrs. Hardegg's husband is an artist of good standing. Mr. Mace, he said, had been to see him and implored the Inspector, for the sake of their daughter, to be lenient with his wife, whose conduct he could not understand, as ahs had a good home and pienty of spending money. Representatives from both the stores asso called at Headquarters and declared their intention to prosecute the offenders in order to make an example, as they had been the victims of numerous shop-lifters of late.

The only official in the Post-Office by the name of Mace is a cierk in the registry department. He is about fifty years old, and has been in the Post-Office fifteen or twenty years.